Development of minority-dominated districts

1397. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any scheme to identify the districts in the country, with more than 25% minority population, for attaching priority for development works;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that other Ministries/Departments have also been asked to formulate special plans for these districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other steps taken by Government for development of minority-dominated districts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Government has identified 90 minority concentration districts based on census 2001 data of minority population and backwardness parameters. A provision of Rs. 120 crore has been made for the year 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme in these districts.

(c) to (e) Guidelines have been issued to all Ministries/Departments of the Central Government to prepare their plans in a manner that these districts get the required attention and resources.

Financial assistance to minority dominated districts

1398. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared a total of 90 districts as priority minority concentration centres to grant financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The Government has identified 90 minority concentration districts in the country. A provision of Rs. 120 crore has been made for the year 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme in these districts. The State-wise list of 90 minority concentration districts is given.

Statement

State-wise list of minority concentration districts

Sl. No.	State	District
1	2	3
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Nicobar
2	Arunachal Pradesh	East Kameng
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Subansiri
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang
5	Arunachal Pradesh	Tirap